

**U.S. District Court
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:20-cv-00764-CKK**

CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY v. U.S.
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE et al
Assigned to: Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 03/18/2020
Jury Demand: None
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of
Information Act
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

Plaintiff

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
03/18/2020	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against FOOD SAFETY AND INSPECTION SERVICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number

		ADCDC-6931954) filed by CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons William Barr, Attorney General, # <u>3</u> Summons United States Attorney, # <u>4</u> Summons Food Safety and Inspection Service, # <u>5</u> Summons U.S. Dept. of Agriculture)(Connor, Hannah) (Entered: 03/18/2020)
03/18/2020	<u>2</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY (Connor, Hannah) (Entered: 03/18/2020)
03/18/2020		Case Assigned to Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly. (adh,) (Entered: 03/18/2020)
03/18/2020	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (4) Issued Electronically as to FOOD SAFETY AND INSPECTION SERVICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(adh,) (Entered: 03/18/2020)
03/18/2020	<u>4</u>	MOTION for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice :Attorney Name- Perry Elerts, Filing fee \$ 100, receipt number ADCDC-6933219. Fee Status: Fee Paid. by CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration Perry Elerts, # <u>2</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Connor, Hannah) (Entered: 03/18/2020)
03/19/2020		<p>MINUTE ORDER: The Court has received <u>4</u> the Motion for Admission of Attorney Pro Hac Vice for attorney Perry Elerts. The accompanying [4-1] Declaration of Perry Elerts in Support of Motion for Admission Pro Hac Vice contains the information required by Local Civil Rule 83.2(d). The Motion is accordingly GRANTED, CONTINGENT upon attorney Perry Elerts's submission of a declaration by APRIL 3, 2020 stating that counsel has reviewed and is familiar with the Local Rules of this Court.</p> <p>Counsel should register for e-filing via PACER and file a notice of appearance pursuant to LCvR 83.6(a). <u>Click for instructions</u></p> <p>Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on March 19, 2020. (lccck1) (Entered: 03/19/2020)</p>
03/20/2020	<u>5</u>	ORDER ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR CASES ASSIGNED TO JUDGE COLLEEN KOLLAR-KOTELLY. Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on 03/20/20. (DM) (Entered: 03/20/2020)
04/02/2020	<u>6</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Perry Elerts on behalf of CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration Provided Pursuant to Court's Minute Order of March 19, 2020)(Elerts, Perry) (Main Document 6 replaced on 4/6/2020) (znmw). (Entered: 04/02/2020)
04/07/2020	<u>7</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 3/24/2020. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 4/23/2020. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit)(Elerts, Perry) (Entered: 04/07/2020)
04/07/2020	<u>8</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 03/24/2020. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit)(Elerts, Perry) (Entered: 04/07/2020)
04/07/2020	<u>9</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE served on 3/23/2020 (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit)(Elerts, Perry) (Entered: 04/07/2020)
04/07/2020	<u>10</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. FOOD SAFETY AND INSPECTION SERVICE served on 3/23/2020 (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit)(Elerts, Perry) (Entered: 04/07/2020)
04/17/2020	<u>11</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Paul Cirino on behalf of FOOD SAFETY AND INSPECTION SERVICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (Cirino, Paul) (Entered: 04/17/2020)
04/22/2020	<u>12</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by FOOD SAFETY AND INSPECTION SERVICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.(Cirino, Paul) (Entered: 04/22/2020)

04/24/2020	<u>13</u>	ORDER requiring parties to file Joint Status Report on or before MAY 22, 2020. See Order for details. Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on April 24, 2020. (lccck1) (Entered: 04/24/2020)
04/24/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Meet & Confer Statement due by 5/22/2020. (dot) (Entered: 04/24/2020)
05/22/2020	<u>14</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by FOOD SAFETY AND INSPECTION SERVICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE. (Cirino, Paul) (Entered: 05/22/2020)
05/26/2020		MINUTE ORDER: The Court has received the parties' <u>14</u> Joint Status Report. Upon consideration of that Joint Status Report, the Court ADOPTS the parties' suggestion that the parties submit a further Joint Status Report updating the Court on the status of Plaintiff's FOIA request and any other relevant matters on JULY 21, 2020 and that the parties submit further Joint Status Reports every 60 days thereafter , unless and until the Court orders otherwise. Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on May 26, 2020. (lccck1) (Entered: 05/26/2020)
05/26/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 7/21/2020. (dot) (Entered: 05/26/2020)
07/01/2020	<u>15</u>	MOTION for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice :Attorney Name– Ashley Palomaki, Filing fee \$ 100, receipt number ADCDC–7290538. Fee Status: Fee Paid. by CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration, # <u>2</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Connor, Hannah) (Entered: 07/01/2020)
07/02/2020		MINUTE ORDER: The Court has received <u>4</u> the Motion for Admission of Attorney Pro Hac Vice for attorney Ashley Palomaki. The accompanying Declaration of Ashley Palomaki in Support of Motion for Admission Pro Hac Vice contains the information required by Local Civil Rule 83.2(d) and indicates that counsel has reviewed and is familiar with the Local Rules of this Court. Accordingly, the Motion is GRANTED. Counsel should register for e-filing via PACER and file a notice of appearance pursuant to LCvR 83.6(a). <u>Click for instructions</u>. Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on July 2, 2020. (lccck1) (Entered: 07/02/2020)
07/02/2020	<u>16</u>	NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL by Perry Elerts on behalf of CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY Substituting for attorney Ashley Palomaki (Elerts, Perry) (Entered: 07/02/2020)